

The Council assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 13th November 1922, the hon Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

I

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members took the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and then took their seats:—

Mr. ARCHIBALD YOUNG GIPPS CAMPBELL, C.I.E., I.C.S.

„ JOHN MATHAI.

„ ROBERT GEORGE GRIEVE.

M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur TINNEVELLY NELLAYAPPA PILLAI
SIVAGNANAM PILLAI Avargal.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Masulipatam-Challapalli road.

316 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased—

(1) to publish a statement showing the money spent in each year during the last five years for conducting the repairs of the Masulipatam-Challapalli road in the Divi taluk, Kistna district, and the miles satisfactorily repaired within the period; and

(2) to state what steps have been taken by him upon the representation made to him regarding the most deplorable condition of the above road by the inhabitants of several villages in the Divi taluk when he visited Masulipatam in November 1921?

A.—(1) The Government have no information.

(2) The complaint was referred to the president of the district board.

Reservation of lands on the sides of public roads.

317 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state how many feet of land are generally reserved including the sides for the breadth of (1) main trunk roads managed by district boards, (2) small taluk boards and of (3) public donkas and puntas in non-Government villages?

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A.—In the case of trunk roads the Government have prescribed a width of 46 to 64 feet between the side drains. In the darkhast rules (Board's Standing Order No. 15) it is laid down that where a road runs through the land darkhasted for, a width of at least one chain should be set apart for the road. The Government have no further information.

Annual income to the Bandar taluk board and formation of pits by the side of public roads.

318 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: With reference to the answers to my questions Nos. 2 and 263 put by me at the meeting of the Council held in September, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to call for the information required and to publish the same?

A.—The hon. Member can obtain the information from the local bodies responsible.

Receipts from tolls on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road.

319 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amount realised by the Masulipatam municipality on all its toll-gates during the last year and the current year;

(b) the amount realised from the toll-gate placed on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road during the said period; and

(c) the amount, if any, paid by the Masulipatam municipality during the last two years out of the receipts of the said toll-gate either to the Bandar taluk board or to the district board?

A.—(a) The total gross toll income of the Masulipatam municipality in 1921-22 was Rs. 13,511. The council expects an income of Rs. 21,000 in 1922-23.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information. The municipal council contributes to the district board 25 per cent of its net income from tolls from all the toll-gates.

Toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road.

320 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is only one toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road running over 20 miles, which is located in the municipal limits of Masulipatam and the receipts of which are always appropriated by the said municipality?

A.—There is no toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road outside the limits of the Masulipatam municipality. The Masulipatam municipal council contributes to the Kistna district board one-fourth of its net income from all its toll-gates.

The municipality of Masulipatam.

321 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the district board of Kistna or the taluk board of Bandar have ever made any proposal